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Louisiana will want to count the votes before politics is adjourned.

Reign of terror is reported in Russia, but this can hardly be considered news.

Belgium's game little army is at it again, and rumors are current of a further withdrawal.

Gradually, the steel corporation is catching up with its orders—which is some achievement.

German newspapers apparently take the clown prince more seriously than does anybody else.

The growl emitted by Spain over the ravages of the U-boat is being echoed in Norway.

Belgians are fighting for the recovery of their country. What has become of the doughty Serbians?

Hamilton county will be 100 years old next fall. Just the right time of year for a centennial celebration.

Having won the Maine election, republicans will probably become more zealous about winning the war.

The "farmette" costume is reported in Atlanta. The Georgia town is a very good farming community.

Austria has for long been playing with the peace proposition. She may get in earnest about it one of these days.

Reform, economy and conservation are in the air, and it is now proposed that they be extended to railway dining cars.

Having settled the American world's championship, we can now return our attention to the one being contested in Europe.

Berlin is said to be alarmed because Foch is apparently determined to fight it out on the present line of it takes all winter.

It is presumed, of course, that Mr. De Woody will go to France along with the slackers he rounded up in that New York raid.

Speaker Clark has also not into the game of certifying desirable congressmen. And he got by with it, too, over in North Carolina.

It is some comfort to be assured that the outlook for sweet potatoes is good, although no figures are yet available on the "possum crop."

The night vaporation of alcoholic spirits when stored in official custody is a matter which has not yet been scientifically explained.

It is not now the custom to take time to explain whether or not a retreat is for strategic purposes or not in newly-prepared positions.

It's all right to urge us to do our Christmas shopping three months in advance, but what about first paying off the winter's coal bill?

Again, we are pleased to note that obstructions are apparently out of the way to the construction of the new auditorium and soldiers' club.

The Kaiser is reported on a trip to Essen to see the Krupps. Losses of 2,500 guns to the allies makes it necessary to look for another supply.

Just as like as not, Jim Ham will tell the folks in Illinois, when he gets home, that his republican opponent has never been shot at by a torpedo.

The world series at Boston is all right in a way, but just now another world series is in progress which involves a maximum of human interest.

Judge Trotter, of Knox county, seems disposed to insist that some of the revenue arising from fees under the new law be saved for the treasury.

"Handling the traffic" is the big thing," declares the Baltimore Sun in discussing Mr. McAdoo's railroad report. This it says has been accomplished.

Count Czernin says that everybody on his side wants a lasting peace. First thing anybody knows, the league of nations idea will be claimed as a Teuton copyright.

Remarks the Birmingham Ledger: "Keep your eye on the fellow who is over-zealous in detecting the slack in others." No offense to Col. George Harvey, of course.

New York's national guard of 40,000 was mustered into federal service early in the war, but another one of 21,000 has been organized. It is hard to root out the old militia idea.

Every day the similitude between what is happening in Russia and what occurred during the French revolution seems more striking. The world looks on powerless to extend aid.

Francis J. Heney turns up as the democratic nominee for governor of California, though he did not get as many votes in the primary as Mayor Ralph. Francis is not easily lost.

Reports are coming in that German women are being employed in the airplane service. Which recalls an old impression that high flying carries a peculiar appeal to the feminine mind.

Prof. Hans Delbruecke, of Berlin, declares that pan-Germanism must be renounced as a condition of peace. That's what it must. The professor manifests an almost human intelligence.

The feminist movement spreads even in Germany. They are now sending women to take the place of men in public positions in Belgium. If the women of Germany had come before the man, perhaps there might not have been any Louvain or Dinant. Let us hope so, at any rate.

ARMY OF DEMOCRACY.

This is another day which will always be marked in the calendar as that on which one of the events decisive of the prosecution of the war occurred. Thirteen million American citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 are on their way or have gone to the registration places to be recorded for participation in the great war to put down kaiserdom and war. Father and son, uncle and nephew, brother and brother, the youth and the middle-aged man, enroll today in the great army of democracy.

If the males between 18 and 45 do not suffice for our purpose, there are men older and boys younger who will seek permission to serve. And, while the men take guns in their hands, the women, with equal willingness to sacrifice, even to the giving of their own lives if necessary, will present themselves for the national service.

It is a fine thing, this spirit of America. Those who have wantonly run amuck and have aroused our great country to see this war as its duty perhaps now recognize their mistake. If it has not yet sunk into the consciousness of the people of Germany that their rulers are driving the chariot of their government into an abyss, they ought today to realize it, and take the steps to organize a government with which our own would treat.

WAR'S NEED OF WOOL.

War is a prodigious consumer. The soldiers must have food and clothing, to say nothing of munitions, arms and housing. The simple item of clothing is one of no mean importance. It has been announced that 25,000,000 pounds of wool will be required for the clothing of those in the military service—and it is a matter of common observation that all of a soldier's clothing is not made of wool. It is given out by the quartermaster's department that wool to meet the above-mentioned requirement has been arranged for, but it may be necessary to import 17,500,000 pounds, needed for semi-government purposes, from Australia or Argentina. These figures take no account of the clothing needs of the balance of us—in number quite a few—who are not serving under the colors.

This item brings to mind the hackneyed problem of the sheep and the dog. In the exercise of that peculiarly profligate habit which has ever characterized Americans, we have tried to grow the two together, or rather, have insisted on keeping the dog and allowing the sheep to take care of himself as best as he might. The result has proven that the sheep is not a match for the dog, hence the latter has increased and multiplied while the former has almost perished from the land. But, we cannot go on forever in this happy-go-lucky fashion. We must have meat and wherewithal to be clothed. And a sufficiency of these does not grow on the bushes. Intelligent plans have to be laid for its production.

The war is breaking up many of our traditions and customs. It is teaching and enforcing upon us the lesson of conservation. Some one has said that it will turn up all the dross. It is, at any rate, placing upon us a burden which cannot be carried along with our old wasteful methods. We shall be forced to cultivate the useful and to set aside the nonproductive consumer. One of the latter is the sheep-killing dog, which is not only an economic burden upon the community, but prevents the development of a profitable source of both food and clothing. The cotton crop is cut short, has gone over the top and can no longer be depended upon to supply our clothing needs. What shall we do to relieve a very obvious situation? Which shall be chosen for survival, the sheep or the dog?

CASUALTY LISTS.

The casualty lists are now taking considerable space in the newspapers. And there is every probability that these lists will gradually be lengthened instead of abbreviated. They are, perhaps, the most eagerly read of any portion of the day's news. They bring human interest stories from which it is impossible to divorce ourselves. From time to time, we have insisted that the government make these reports as clear and as intelligent as possible. It is doing this.

There is an impression current, however, that the casualty list might be abbreviated and, at the same time, improved. According to this view, it would be more satisfactory if the government made public only the names of the killed—and, perhaps, the missing. It is insisted that this course would relieve thousands of persons of the worry and anxiety of searching through long lists of the names of any friends or relatives were contained therein. It would tend to simplify this plan, of course, but it has its objectionable features, but it has been discussed and suggested by those who have some say at the front.

How to handle the casualty lists has always been one of war's problems, and no uniform system has ever been devised and generally accepted. Each nation works out a plan of its own which is changed as occasion may suggest.

BY FORCE OF ARMS ONLY.

Germany is not on the verge of starvation, says Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister to Denmark, in reminding us that every energy must be put into the war. He says there is a shortage of essentials, but "that this borders on the verge of starvation is erroneous and misleading." Conditions are better in the rural districts than in the cities. In the southern part of Germany conditions are still improved. In the more densely populated part of Germany Poland and in the manufacturing regions generally the people are emaciated, but he said "it was a mistake to believe it had produced a strong sentiment toward a revolution or a general lessening of the loyalty of the people."

He said they still had faith in the military arm and were kept in ignorance of real conditions.

Minister Morris has always been a safe guide as to information concerning conditions in the principal enemy country.

We have never been of the opinion that Germany would be starved into submission. Before the German army suffers for food, first the population of occupied territories will be starved; then the civilian population will have to submit to deprivations much more trying than ever before, and finally the army.

RUSSIANS WON'T WORK.

The labor problem is now a universal problem, even Germany is experiencing a few troubles of its own with it. A report from Switzerland tells of the complications prevalent in the Kaiser's domain over the employment of Russian prisoners as laborers. The farmers' union of the fatherland petitioned the government not to send back home the Russian prisoners, and, with characteristic perfidy, the government complied, although Germany professed to be at peace with Russia. The only marvel was that the farmers were required to pay their prisoner-employees the customary wages. And it was right there where the trouble began. There were some 2,000,000 of these prisoners.

Eager for the assistance of the Russians on their farms and in their industries, the German employers objected to paying them for their labor. All sorts of excuses were framed up, among them that the Russian works sullenly and all the time wants to go back to Russia. This, of course, according to German reasoning, is sufficient to forfeit his pay. And then it is insisted that these prisoner-workers won't hurry at their tasks, that it takes five of them to be equal to one German laborer, and that paying them simply results in a big expenditure of money without a corresponding increase in production.

In all of this, the German exhibits that lack of a sense of humor which has so often before been noted. A man up a tree would naturally want to know, if the Russian does not earn his pay, why the German employer insists on keeping him and preventing his return home. They protest too much. The situation typically illustrates the German conception of good morals. It is at one with the German idea of diplomatic obligation. The story doesn't state what the farmers want the government to do in the premises. Inferably, however, they want to be released from wage payments, or to be authorized to use the goods.

Russia is only one of the straits to which kaiserdom is being reduced. The same story states that, at the time, the necessary supplies of coal to operate the sugar refineries and threshing machinery had not been obtained, consequently the delivery of grain on time could not be promised.

POLAR WEALTH.

A few days ago, it was announced that the explorer Stefansson was of opinion that lands in the arctic were economically valuable—that they might be made to produce sustenance for those who might go there to live together with a surplus for export to the balance of the world. In the course of a discussion, Stefansson's statement and the fact that formerly explorers searched for a northwest passage, the San Francisco Chronicle says:

"More recently there has been a growing conviction that hidden under the ice of those regions there must be mineral stores well worth the labor of discovery and development. Fossil remains indicate that some time ago the entire past, under cosmic conditions of which we can form no conception, the climate at the poles may have been that of the present climate at the equator and produced vegetation which must have been the origin of great coal measures which we can find if we will dig for them. There was a recent announcement that there had been discovered very large deposits of rich copper ore."

It is further declared that Canada and Stefansson is a Canadian—will make a survey and carefully investigate the resources of her possessions in the frozen north. As the Chronicle here intimates, there is good reason to believe that mineral deposits are distributed in the polar zones very much as they are elsewhere, whatever the feasibility of their development.

The differences between the north and south polar regions are peculiar in that water covers the north pole, but land approaches to the region are open, whereas the south pole is situated on high land, but water must be crossed to reach it. The high land surrounding the south pole is thought to be rich in minerals.

In announcing that the Louisville Courier-Journal now favors suffrage, the editor says: "This is not a reversal of the Courier-Journal's views. It is rather a progress of its position." Col. Watterson is reported to be at Brighton Beach, where his language is lost amid the roar of the surf.

Secretary McAdoo asks that the tax on incomes from liberty bonds be placed at a minimum figure. This will tend to make them more valuable. The next liberty loan campaign is scheduled to start Sept. 23. Get ready to buy all you can pay for. The war will be over some of these days, then you'll wish you owned a good big batch.

It is very much for the better that the president will now have senators from Georgia and Mississippi by his own way of thinking. He has asked the people of those states for the defeat of Vandam and Hardwick, and they have loyally responded. There is no southern senator now that we know of who is not giving the administration his undivided support. Mr. McKellar very frequently criticizes measures, but he is constructive in it, and the result has been better legislation.

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SIGNS OF GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF HUNS

French Patrols Advance Along Oise Canal Northeast of Travecy.

Paris, Sept. 12.—Signs of the withdrawal of German forces from Vendeuil, about four and a half miles north of Le-fere, to Moy, about five miles northeast of Vendeuil, have been discovered by French patrols, advancing along the Oise canal, northeast of Travecy. It was learned here.

This movement on the part of the enemy, if completely carried out, would give the French possession of the Le-fere-St. Quentin road for a distance of more than thirteen miles.

DON'T LIKE TO FIGHT ON AMERICAN FRONT

Austro-Hungarian Troops Seldom Shoot Toward Sammie's Line.

(By Newton C. Parks.)
With the American Army in France, Sept. 12.—(U. S. S.)—Austro-Hungarian troops, some of whom recently appeared opposite the Americans in the Woivre sector, plainly show that they do not wish to fight on this front.

These troops rarely ever shoot toward the American lines, and are willing to be captured, according to deserters who made their way to the American positions and surrendered.

One of the deserters states that 80 per cent of the troops are of Transylvanian and Roumanian descent, while the remainder are Hungarians. All of the commanders in his company also were Hungarians.

CHARLES WILLIFORD HIT BY BIG CHAIN; MAY DIE

Charles Williford, an employee of the Chattanooga Sand and Supply company, was seriously injured Wednesday when a big chain fell and struck him in the head. O'Donohue's ambulance removed him to Newell's infirmary in an unconscious condition. It was still unconscious Thursday morning. It is understood that his jaw-bones were broken. X-ray pictures were taken to determine whether the skull was fractured.

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